

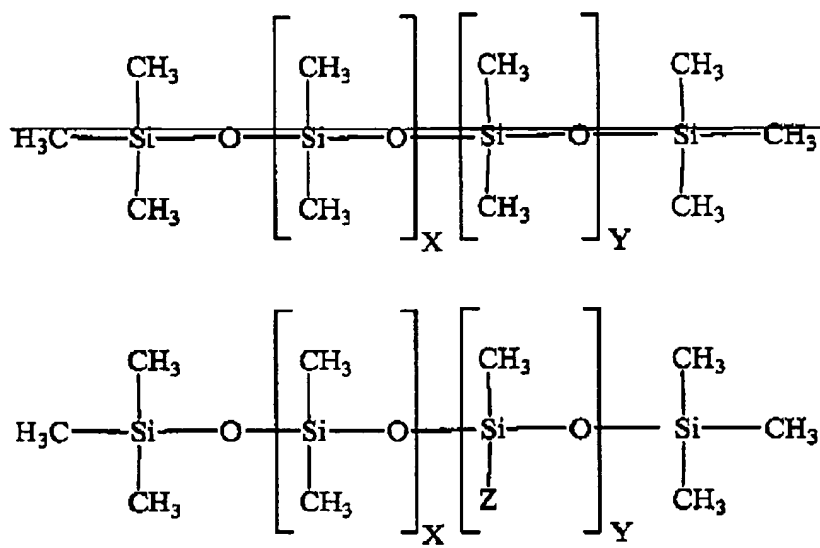
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IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16 wherein all R<sup>1</sup> moieties are the same alkyl group.
3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2 wherein at least one R<sup>2</sup> group is the same as R<sup>1</sup>.
4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2 wherein all R<sup>1</sup> moieties are methyl groups.
5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16 wherein R<sup>3</sup> is propylene.
6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16 wherein B is ethylene oxide.
7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5 wherein B is ethylene oxide.
8. (Cancelled)

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9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16 wherein the silicone additive is of the formula:



wherein Z is  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_5\text{O}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{O})_n\text{G}$ , G is hydrogen or an alkyl group of from 1 to 4 carbon atoms, and Y does not equal zero.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16 wherein the seed treatment formulation further comprises at least one ingredient selected from the group consisting of an active agent, a carrier, a surfactant, a dispersing agent, an anti-caking agent, and a foam-control agent.

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11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10 wherein the active agent is selected from the group consisting of 5,6-dihydro-2-methyl-1,4-oxathiine-3-carboxanilide 4,4-dioxide; carboxin; 2,3-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-7-benzofuranyl methyl carbamate; methylcarbamic acid 2-(2-chloro-1-methoxyethoxy) phenyl ester; 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-cyclopropyl-1-(1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)-butan-2-ol; pentachloronitrobenzene; 5-ethoxy-3-(trichloromethyl)-1,2,4-thiadiazole; *Rhizobium* sp; *Penicillium bilajii*; *Bacillus subtilis*;  $\beta$ -(4-chlorophenoxy)- $\alpha$ -(1,1-dimethylethyl)-1H-1,2,4-triazole-1-ethanol; tetramethylthiuram disulfide; 2-(4-thiazolyl) benzimidazole; (2-methyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl)methyl-3-(2-chloro-3,3,3-trifluoro-1-propenyl)-2,2-dimethylcyclopropane-carboxylate; 1,2,3,4,5,6-hexachlorocyclo-hexane, gamma-isomer; N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-N-(methoxyacetyl)alanine methyl ester; 1-[(6-chloro-3-pyridinyl)methyl]-N-nitro-2-imidazolidinimine; tebuconazole; and  $\alpha$ -butyl- $\alpha$ -(4-chlorophenyl)-1H-1,2,4-triazole propanenitrile.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10 wherein the carrier is a hydrocarbon oil carrier selected from the group consisting of vegetable oil, petroleum-based hydrocarbon oil, paraffinic/naphthenic hydrocarbon oil, mineral oil, and mixtures thereof.

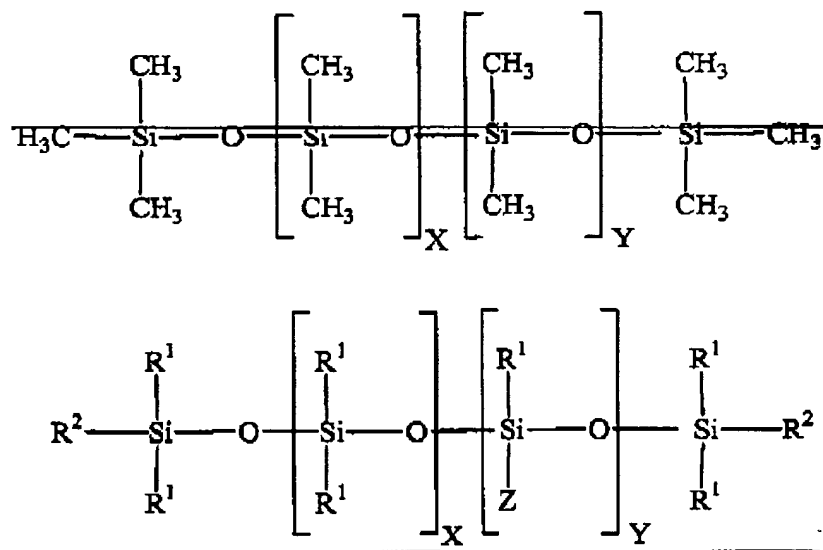
13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10 wherein the surfactant is selected from the group consisting of alkaryl sulfonates, diphenyl sulfonate derivatives, lignin and lignin derivatives, silicone-based surfactants, sulfonates of condensed naphthalenes, sulfonates of dodecyl/tridecyl benzene, sulfonates of naphthalene and alkyl naphthalene, sulfosuccinamates, sulfosuccinates, and mixtures thereof.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10 wherein the dispersing agent is selected from the group consisting of block polymers, alkylphenol ethoxylates, ethoxylated alcohols, ethoxylated alkylphenols, polyacrylic acid, propoxylated alkylphenols, sulfonated ethoxylated alkylphenols, lignin and lignin derivatives, tridecyl and dodecyl benzene sulfonic acid, and mixtures thereof.



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16. (Currently Amended) A method for treating seeds comprising applying to said seeds a composition comprising a seed treatment formulation comprising at least one pigment or dye and an organosilicone additive of the formula:



wherein:

X is a number from 0 to 30;

Y is a number from 0 to 10;

each  $\text{R}^1$  and  $\text{R}^2$  is independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl moieties of from 1 to 18 carbon atoms; provided that, if Y is 0, at least one  $\text{R}^2$  is Z;

Z is  $\text{R}^3\text{OB}_n\text{G}$ ;

$\text{R}^3$  is an alkylene moiety of from 1 to 4 carbon atoms;

B is an alkylene oxide moiety selected from the group consisting of ethylene oxide, propylene oxide, butylene oxide, and mixtures thereof;

n is a number from 1 to 50 if, and only if, B contains ethylene oxide, otherwise n is a number from 1 to 10; and

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G is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl of from 1 to 4 carbon atoms, hydrocarbon moieties of from 1 to 18 carbon atoms, and acetyl.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16 wherein the formulation is a water-dispersible paste.